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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 195511

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SUBJECT: TRAVEL ADVICE TO CITIZENS INQUIRING ABOUT UGANDA

REF: NAIROBI 8228

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ADVISING AMCITS TO CURTAIL TRAVEL TO UGANDA AT THE PRESENT TIME. WE HAVE POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH NOTHING UNPLEASANT HAS HAPPENED TO AMERICANS EITHER RESIDING IN OR TRAVELING THROUGH UGANDA, PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES IN THAT COUNTRY MAKE IT INADVISABLE FOR AMERICAN CITIZENS TO VISIT UNLESS THEY HAVE URGENT BUSINESS THERE. WE HAVE POINTED OUT THAT NO THREAT IS SEEN TO THE APPROXIMATELY 290 AMERICAN CITIZENS LIVING IN UGANDA THAT WE HAVE ASKED THE WEST GERMAN EMBASSY TO KEEP A WATCHING BRIEF ON THE SITUATION.

2. IN WRITTEN RESPONSES THE EMBASSY SHOULD BE CAREFUL TO POINT OUT THAT WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE UGANDAN GOVERNMENT INTENDS ILL TOWARD U.S. CITIZENS LIVING IN YOUR VISITING THEIR
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COUNTRY BUT THAT PRESENT TENSIONS BETWEEN KENYA AND UGANDA

MAKE IT INADVISABLE TO VISIT UGANDA AT THIS TIME. WE HAVE
NOT, HOWEVER, ADVISED TRAVELERS AGAINST TRANSITTING ENTEBBE
AIRPORT ON FLIGHTS MAKING STOPS THERE. HABIB UNQUOTE
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